



South Carolina
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SC STATE FARMERS MARKET

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Midlands State Farmers Market COVID-19 Plan: 2021 Spring Plant and Flower Sale

Masks

- Require all vendors and their staff to wear a mask while on Market grounds.
- Require all attendees to wear a mask while on the Market grounds, except while eating or drinking.
- Market staff will have complimentary masks available for any visitor who doesn't have his/her own mask.
- Signage placed throughout Market grounds stating masks are required.

Social Distancing

- The current guidelines of remaining 6' apart while in the festival for social distancing is expected of all attendees and vendors. Social Distancing signs will be placed at the entrance to all buildings and in obvious locations within those buildings.
- Directional signs installed to direct traffic flow in drive-through Market area.
- We will have multiple points of ingress and egress that helps prevent traffic pinch points. We will not have any one-way traffic in sheds.
- Vendors will be spread out to encourage social distancing.
- Signage placed throughout Market reminding attendees of social distancing guidelines/precautions.

Cleaning/Sanitizing

- Enhanced cleaning and or sanitizing restrooms. Restrooms shall be cleaned hourly.
- Restroom staff to follow CDC guidelines and limit number of patrons per restroom.
- Installing 13 hand washing/sanitizing stations throughout Market.



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Food Court

- Food Vendors will follow all COVID and DHEC guidelines.
- Food vendors will be set up in a designated food court area.
- Food vendors will be using disposable, single-use, to-go type packaging and utensils.

Vendor Expectations/Communications

- Letters mailed to vendors highlighting CDC guidelines and detailed expectations of vendors during the event.
- Require Arts and Crafts Vendors to wear gloves; provide hand sanitizer stations for attendees/customers; and, encourage vendors to hold their products to show to customers to discourage customers from picking up items.
- Poster signs at entrance to the market and key locations outlining the precautions that are being taken for attended health and safety.
- All Marketing of the event to include what steps are being taken by the market and the vendors in addition to what is required of all attendees.

Promotional Information/Communications with Public

- All Marketing of the event to include all steps being taken by the Market and the vendors as well as requirement of all attendees.
- Communication with the general public is planned through Press Releases, Social Media Posts and paid Advertising.

Emergency Procedures

- Any attendee presenting symptoms will be asked to go to the Market isolation area/First Aid until medical personnel arrives.
- Conversations are underway to have EMS on site during the multi-day event. Previously, EMS has agreed to be stationed at the Market but to also take calls. During that time, EMS staff took calls and then returned to the Market.